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| Title:      | CORDLESS POWER TOOL BATTERY RELEASE MECHANISM |                 |              |

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2002. The amendment is being filed within a two-month extension period from April 29, 2002, to June 29, 2002, consistent with a corresponding petition to extend time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The petition, and its required fees is filed concurrently with the instant amendment. Applicants submit that the following amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance, and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 9, 10, 15 and 19 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A cordless power tool including a battery, the power tool comprising:
- (a) a main body portion;
  - (b) a handle portion extending from the main body portion; and
  - (c) a mechanism for releasably securing a battery having battery terminals to the handle portion, the mechanism including:

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